

## **Town Council Summary from the July 6, 2015 Organizational & Town Meeting:**

### **Organizational Meeting:**

- Council Members Bartram and Rodriguez were sworn in prior to the Organizational Meeting.
- Council Member Furman was approved to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.
- The Council discussed areas of interest and were assigned accordingly:
  1. Auditing Committee – McMullen
  2. Board of Elections – Furman
  3. Ethics Committee – Bartram
  4. Greenscape (Parks and Trees) – Rodriguez and Furman
  5. Development Review Board (DRB) – Rodriguez and Bartram
  6. Design Guidelines Task Force – Rodriguez and Furman
  7. Historic Preservation – McMullen and Furman
  8. Traffic – McMullen and Bartram
  9. Green Task Force – Disbanded
  10. Revitalization – Disbanded
  11. Warner Circle – Disbanded

### **Town Council Meeting:**

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2015 and June 8, 2015.
- Approved a Red Cedar Pergola for Howard Avenue Park.
- Announced that the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-04-2015 has been rescheduled for August 10, 2015.
- Extended the Contract with Maier Warner through August 10, 2015. A Resolution extending the contract through June 30, 2016 will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

## **July 6, 2015**

**Organizational Meeting 6:35 p.m.** Council Members Bartram and Rodriguez were sworn in prior to the Organizational Meeting by Mayor Fosselman.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Furman, McMullen, and Rodriguez, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member Bartram was necessarily absent.

Tracey Furman was nominated to serve as Mayor Pro Tem by the Council. Please see Council Actions.

The Mayor and Council discussed Town Committees and areas of interest. The following areas of interest were assigned:

Audit Committee – McMullen  
Board of Elections – Furman  
Ethics Committee - Bartram

Greenscape (Parks and Trees) – Rodriguez and Furman  
Development Review Board – Rodriguez and Bartram  
Design Guidelines Task Force – Rodriguez and Furman  
Historic Preservation – McMullen and Furman  
Traffic – McMullen and Bartram

The following Committees were disbanded by the Mayor and Council:

Green Task Force  
Revitalization  
Warner Circle

Council Member McMullen suggested a Council Retreat with Jill McCrory, similar to previous years. The Council agreed and Mayor Fosselman stated he would contact Ms. McCrory.

The Council discussed printing and distributing the Town Map during the Labor Day Parade.

### **Council Actions**

Council Member McMullen moved to nominate Council Member Furman to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 6:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

### **July 6, 2015**

#### **Town Meeting 7:05 p.m.**

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Furman, McMullen, and Rodriguez, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member Bartram was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for the victims of the Charleston shooting.

The minutes from May 11 and June 8, 2015 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

### **From the Mayor and Town Council –**

The Mayor reported that he, along with Council Members Furman and Rodriguez, attended the annual MML convention; updated the status of the Silver Creek project, which continues to remove invasive plants, and will be planting an additional ten to twelve trees in the fall; thanked Mark Hudson, Val and Martha Deale, Doug and Jenny Smith, Duane Rollins, Town staff, and the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department for a successful July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike Parade; noted that the parking signs along Fawcett and at the Train Station will be installed; a 90 day trial period will follow to determine if the business spaces are being utilized; the Town will purchase seven tables for the K-Town Food Truck Night events; and stated that he had been elected President of the Maryland Mayors Association.

Council Member McMullen stated that after discussing the proposed crosswalk alteration at the intersection of Kensington Parkway and Frederick Avenue with County Parks, they have

determined that the project is not feasible due to a number of factors; the Town will be improving the existing crosswalk with brick pavers later this summer, along with placing additional signage to help with visibility.

Council Member Furman attended the annual MML Convention and found it constructive to speak with other elected officials from around the State; noted that the Greenspace Committee discussed three different Pergola options for Howard Avenue Park, and decided on a Western Red Cedar Pergola with a green canvas shade; the Pergola, including installation, will cost \$14,271.72; a HAWP will be submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission for approval.

Yvonne Gurney, Greenspace Committee, explained that the Red Cedar was more fitting with the garden and historic nature of Howard Avenue.

Council Member Rodriquez thanked the Residents of the Town for electing him to the Town Council; attended the annual MML Convention and took part in a number of the workshops, to include: Improving Community Health, Economic Development, along with a roundtable on improving communication; thanked Al Lacey and Eli Sola-Sole for the library box outside of 10411 Fawcett Street.

#### **From the Public –**

Eli Sola-Sole thanked the Mayor and Council for the purchase of seven tables for the K-Town Food Truck Night events; she also stated that she supports the Pergola at Howard Avenue Park and asked about the utility markings along Howard Avenue, and if the Town was planning to plant flowers within the tree boxes on Howard Avenue. Ms. Sola-Sole also requested if additional vendors or music could be placed on Howard Avenue during the Labor Day Festival.

Town Manager Daily stated that he would look into the utility markings along Howard Avenue.

Mayor Fosselman said he would speak with the KVFD about placing their Safety House along Howard during the Festival.

Town Manager Daily asked the Council about relocating the grandstand from Montgomery Avenue to Howard Avenue.

The Mayor and Council asked Town Manager Daily to look into placing the grandstand within the parking inlets in front of the Train Station along Howard Avenue.

Dr. Campbell thanked the Mayor and Council for the pending crosswalk improvements at Kensington Cabin Park, and requested that an ordinance be introduced enforcing the clearing or removal of grass clippings from public sidewalks.

Mayor Fosselman thanked Dr. Campbell for the information that he presented with regards to grass clippings and stated that he had spoken to Town Attorney Ferguson about the request, and that the Town has the authority under the existing regulations to enforce this matter. The Mayor suggested, however, that the Town remind residents through the Around Town Journal and an official notice to violators first, prior to enforcing the clearing of grass clippings with a municipal

infraction.

Council Member McMullen stated that a new ordinance is not necessary, as the Town already had the means to enforce obstructions within the public right-of-way.

Council Member Furman mentioned that general reminders for greenery obstructing the public right-of-way are also necessary.

Yvonne Gurney mentioned that the walkway within Flinn Park is covered with mud, and the steps into Clum Kennedy need attention.

Mayor Fosselman thanked the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County for helping with the storm drain issue on Montgomery Avenue.

### **Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –**

The Town Council announced that the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. O-04-2015 was postponed until the August 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to accommodate State legal proceedings.

Town Manager Daily requested that the Council remove the Resolution to extend public relation services with Maier Warner until a new scope of work could be reviewed. See Council Actions.

### **Council Actions –**

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the Minutes from the May 11, 2015 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Rodriguez abstained.

Council Member McMullen moved to approved the Minutes from the June 8, 2015 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Rodriguez abstained.

Council Member McMullen motioned to approve Town Manager Daily to purchase the Red Cedar Pergola from Walpole Outdoors, in an amount not to exceed \$14,271.72, as dated June 29, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen motioned to extend the existing contract with Maier Warner for public relations services through July 2015, until a Resolution with a new scope of work could be presented at the August 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously.